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AUGUST 16TH, 2026 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Welcome!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 8:30am and 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am,
1:00pm at Vistancia Elementary School

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday | 8:30am

Adoration

Monday - Wednesday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday | 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday | Closed

Confessions

Tuesday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday | 9:30am - 10:30am

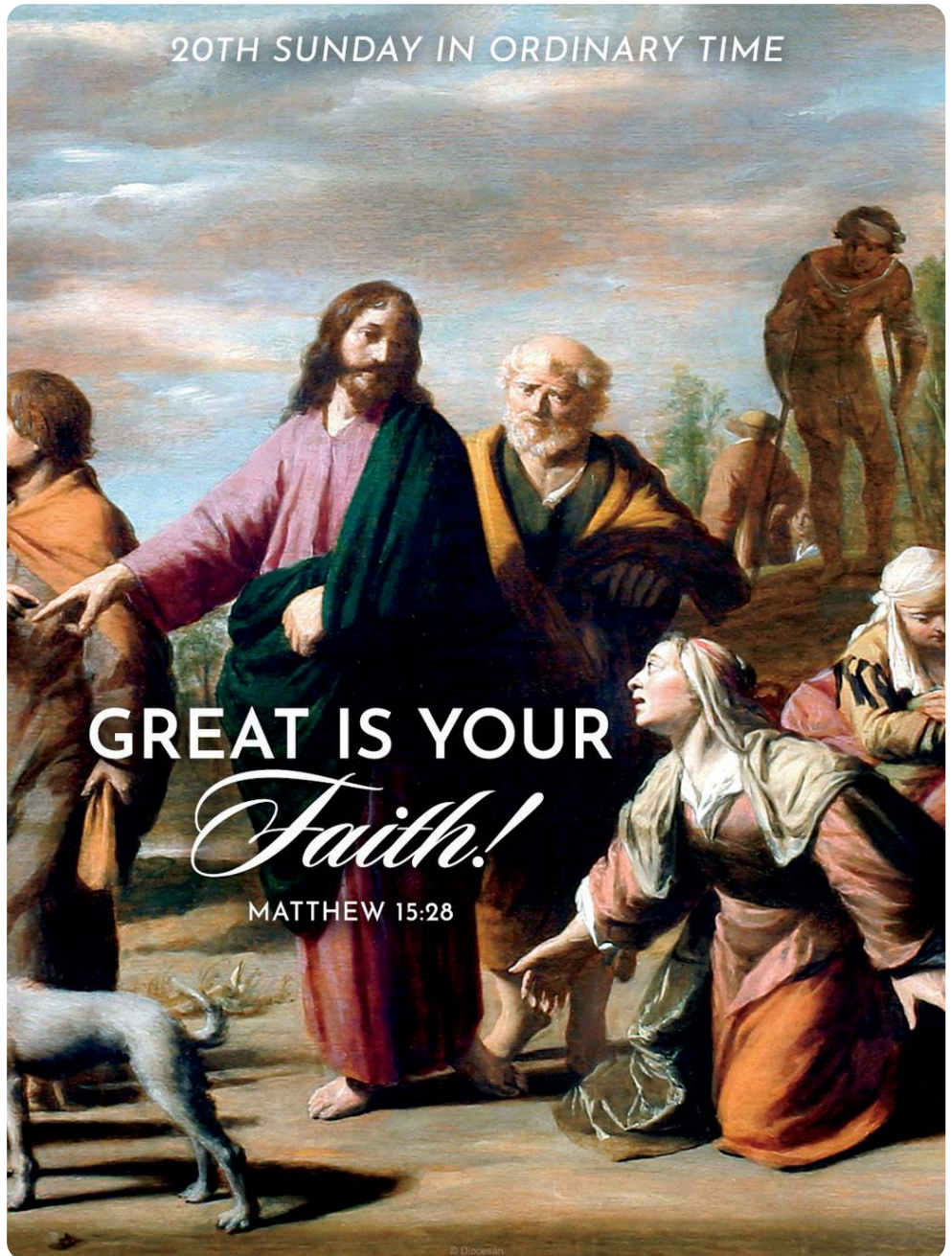
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Core Purpose

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish exists for the salvation of souls and the restoration of all things in Christ.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday | 08:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 16th

09:00am | For the Soul of Ed Christy †

11:00am | For the Soul of Charles W. Gameros †

01:00pm | For the Soul of Manuel Arviso †

Monday, August 17th

08:30am | For the Souls of John and Jean Ward †

Tuesday, August 18th

08:30am | For the Soul of Jon H. Diebold †

Wednesday, August 19th

08:30am | For the Souls of Sulaiman and Joan Mansour †

Thursday, August 20th

08:30am | For the Soul of Roger Cousin †

Friday, August 21st

08:30am | For the Intention of Nino Gonzalez

Saturday, August 22nd

08:30am | For the Soul of Debra Marscheski †

04:00pm | For the Special Intentions of the Cravatta Family - Living and Deceased

Next Sunday, August 23rd

09:00am | For the Soul of Bruce Langenbach †

11:00am | For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission at Lake Pleasant Pkw

01:00pm | For the Soul of Victoria Haskell †

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, August 16th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday, August 17th

Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18th

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19th

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20th

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 21st

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 22nd

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



Prayer List

Destiny Carroll
Jeff McBride
Tom Penzkofer
Blanca Romero
Mary Kate Corrigan
Michelle Simpson
Andrew Nader
Chris & Mary Nader
Alan Smith
Sean Wright
Steve Rogers
Ricardo Sanchez
Collette Hoover

IN OUR HEARTS

Those Who Have Died

DeAnne Cooper
(02/08/1938 – 07/28/2026)

Loretta Landry
(d. 2026)

Corrine Gillmeister
(d. 2026)

Rest in Peace

04 • PARISH LIFE

MASS ASSISTANTS NEEDED



We are looking for dedicated individuals to assist with our Care Center Masses.

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Contact Angela
(623) 344-7276 | acotta@ololscw.org

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A mother comes to Jesus with a broken heart. Her daughter suffers, and she cries out for help. At first, Jesus says nothing. No words. No comfort. Silence.

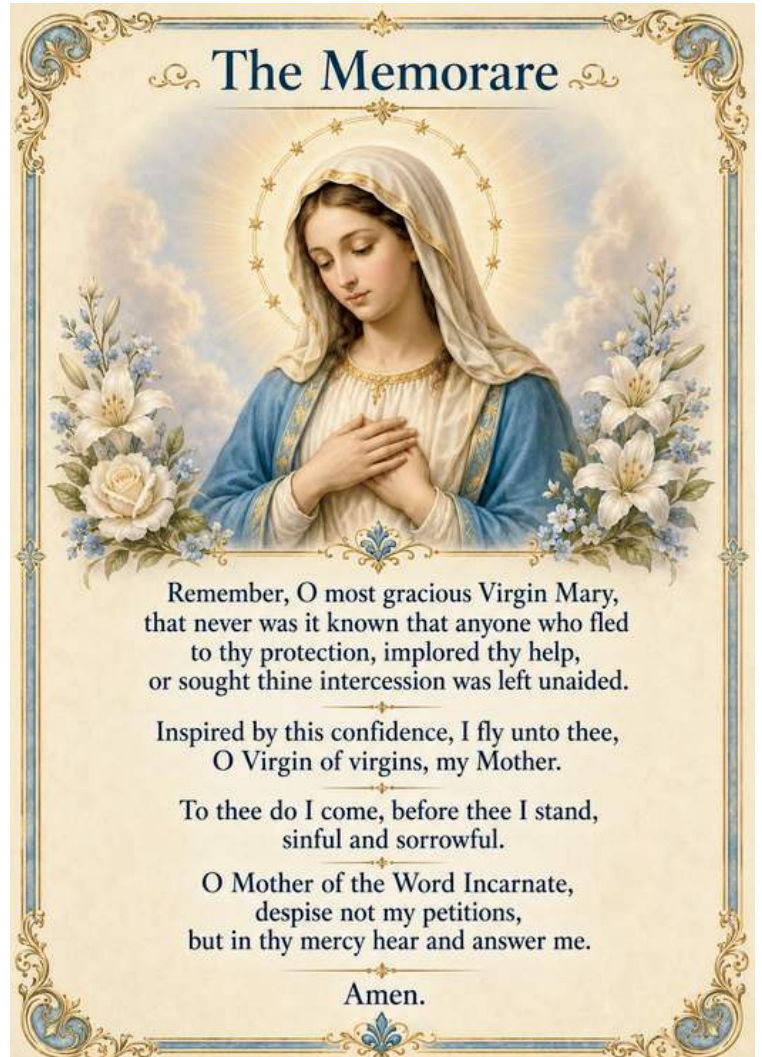
We know this silence. We have prayed for healing and it has not come. We have prayed for a loved one who still struggles. We have brought the same request to God for months, even years, and heard nothing back. This is one of the hardest parts of faith.

Look at what the woman does next. She does not walk away. She does not give up. She kneels before Jesus and says, "Lord, help me." She keeps coming to Him, even without an answer.

Her persistence reveals the depth of her faith. Jesus tells her, "O woman, great is your faith!" Her daughter is healed in this moment. But her faith is already great before the healing comes. It is great in the waiting. It is great in the silence.

This Sunday, ask yourself a hard question. Have you stopped praying because the answer has not come yet? Have you given up on something because God seemed quiet?

God's silence is never God's absence. He is near, even when you cannot feel Him. We may not always receive the answer we expect, or in the time we desire. But like the Canaanite woman, keep coming to Christ. Keep trusting. Keep saying, "Lord, help me."



STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

August 3rd, 2026

Plate Giving.....	\$10,626
Mission Giving.....	\$572
Electronic Giving	\$5,612
Building Fund	\$636
Respect Life.....	\$142.50
Maintenance	\$8.50
Weekly Total	\$17,597

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WE REACHED OUR GOAL! 🎉

With grateful hearts, we are delighted to announce that our parish has reached its **\$134,399 goal** for the Annual Catholic Development Appeal!

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed and helped make this achievement possible. Your faithful stewardship supports the vital ministries and programs of our local Church.

May God bless you for your generosity!



**CHARITY AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL**

DID YOU KNOW? SUMMER GIVING MATTERS

During the summer months, our parish often sees a decrease in offertory giving as many seasonal parishioners return north or travel. However, most parish expenses continue year-round, including utilities, maintenance, staff, ministries, and parish services.

Your faithful stewardship helps keep our parish strong during these slower months. Please prayerfully consider maintaining your regular giving — or adding a little extra when possible — to help offset the seasonal summer decrease.

Every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

07 • PARISH LIFE



BINGO!

2026 Schedule

Join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2278 for a fun afternoon of Bingo with snacks! Noon–2PM. Remaining 2026 dates: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, and 12/3. Donations gladly accepted. All are welcome!



A FLAME OF FAITH

Votive Candles For Sale

Votive candles are available for purchase in the parish office for just \$5 each. **As a reminder, please only light candles purchased from the church, and do not remove the candle from the plastic globe.** Thank you!



BERNADETTE'S BREW

Faith & Fellowship

Come enjoy faith and fellowship with your fellow parishioners over coffee and donuts at Bernadette's Brew! Enjoy a coffee and donut combo, upgrade to a gourmet espresso for just \$5, or pair your donut with a refreshing frozen drink!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHOIR

Praise God through Song

Do you enjoy singing and want to serve your parish? Join our Parish Choir and share your voice at Mass. All are welcome and no training required. Rehearsals weekly. Contact James at Jsalas@ololscw.org or speak with a choir member after Mass.



DIVINE MERCY

Every Thursday following the 8:30AM Mass, join a dedicated group of faithful parishioners for Divine Mercy Thursday — a beautiful time of prayer, faith, and fellowship. Come encounter God's mercy together, lift one another up in community, and renew your spirit each week. Coffee and snacks are served at the social. All are welcome. Come as you are!

PORTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Our men's ministry, the Porters of St. Joseph, is calling all men ready to stand guard over our parish! As our snowbirds head home, we need bold men to step up and fill the ranks.

Interested? Email Porters@ololscw.org or call the office and ask for Joey or Sam. Answer the call!



Miraculous Medal Novena

Please join us to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday after the 8:30am Mass.

These prayers take approx. 15 min; no need to sign up, just come in and join us. We have prayer booklets to follow.





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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Mission Statement

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

Just a quick reminder that we are still collecting monetary donations for neighbors in need of help purchasing back-to-school supplies. Make checks payable to SVDP and include "back-to-school" on the memo line. Providing help with the cost of school supplies allows parents to use the money they have to continue paying the bills for shelter, food, and other essentials.

This month SVDP is collecting food for the food bank. Please bring non-perishable food donations to church and place in the bins. Items needed include: canned proteins, soup, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, rice, etc. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Interested in becoming a VINCENTIAN?
Want to learn more about the ministry?
Our next meeting is Tuesday, August
18th at 3:30pm in the Madonna Hall.
Hope to see you there!



FOOD DRIVE

Help Feed Our Neighbors

The Knights of Columbus Council 11809 invites our parish community to support the annual Food Drive benefiting the Valley View Community Food Bank.

Your donations of canned goods, boxed meals, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, and other non-perishable food items will help provide meals to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity throughout our community.

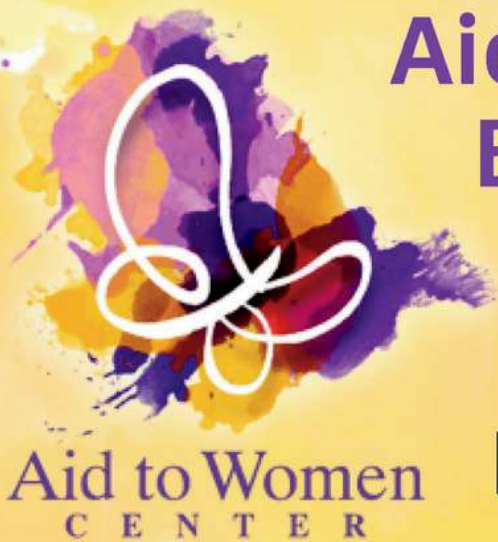
Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Join us on Thursday, September 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and drop off your donations at either the Our Lady of Lourdes Church parking lot or the Sun City West Foundation parking lot. Together, through Christian charity, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Star Reward Revised

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 11809 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's highest award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in membership growth, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs, and service-oriented activities. This prestigious recognition reflects the Council's outstanding dedication, leadership, and commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, demonstrated through faithful service, strong membership, and meaningful programs that support our parish, families, and community. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. For more information about joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Membership Director John Heep at (602) 466-0352 or jheep7@gmail.com.





Aid to Women Center Baby Bottle Drive

Hosted by
**Our Lady of Lourdes
Respect Life Ministry**

September 12th & 13th

Aid to Women Center is a non-profit pregnancy resource center that provides prenatal care, counseling, and material assistance to women in need. They are the only Pregnancy Center in AZ that provides prenatal care.

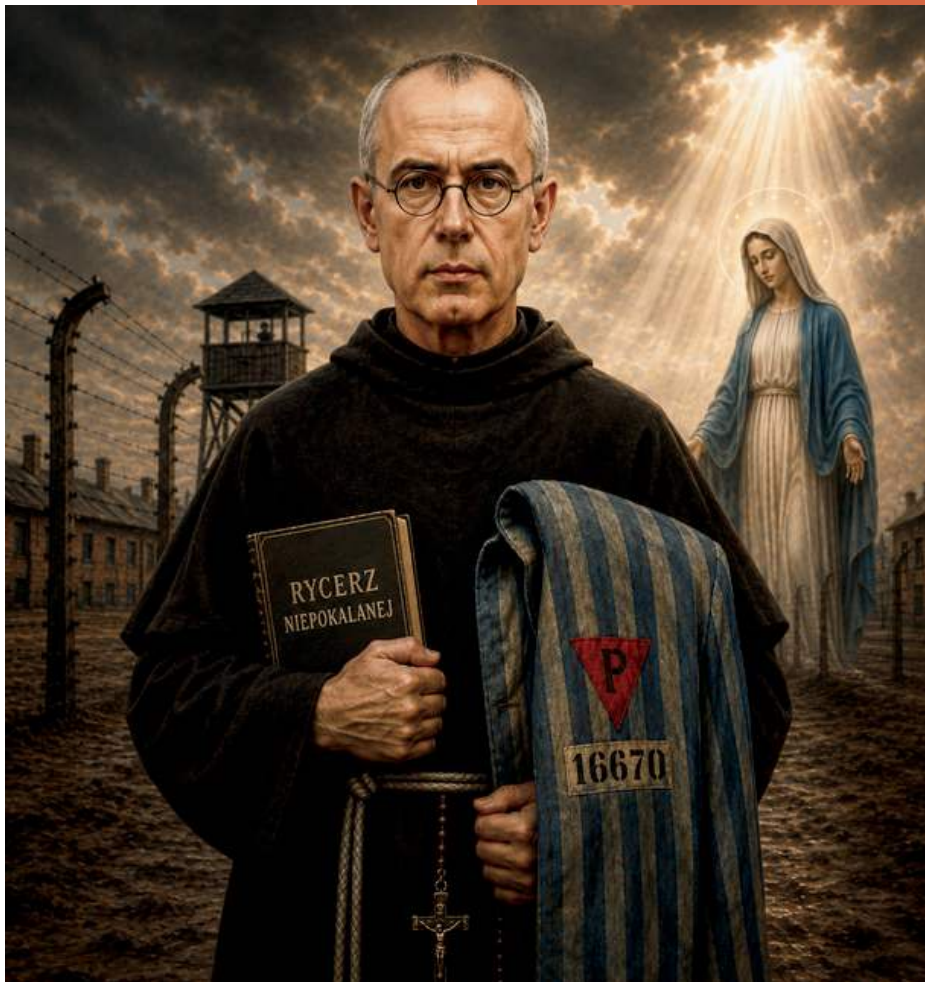
Please take a baby bottle after Mass and fill it with check, cash or coins.

Then return it at the weekend masses of September 26th & 27th.

For credit card donations, stop by the Aid to Women Center table after Mass or use this QR code to make a donation.



SAINT OF THE WEEK • 11



THE COURAGE OF THE CROSS

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Choice to Love in the Face of Death

Auschwitz, 1941. A prisoner has escaped. The guards choose ten men to die by starvation, punishment for the rest. One man, Franciszek Gajowniczek, breaks down. He cries out for his wife. He cries out for his children.

Then a man steps forward. In a place built to erase names and strip away dignity, this act carries enormous risk. A single wrong move means death on the spot. The man asks to take the prisoner's place. The guards accept. Franciszek Gajowniczek lives. Maximilian Kolbe walks into the starvation bunker instead.

Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest with deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He spent his life teaching others to trust her intercession. Now, in a concrete cell with no food and no water, he leads condemned men in prayer. He sings hymns with them. He speaks words of hope to men waiting to die. Guards later say the bunker sounds different with him inside it, quieter, filled with something like peace.

After two weeks, Kolbe is still alive. The guards end his life with an injection.

Christ says, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Kolbe did not say these words. He lived them, in a starvation cell, for a stranger.

His sacrifice asks you a direct question this week. Does your faith cost you anything at all? Or does it only occupy the comfortable, quiet corners of your life?

Kolbe stepped forward. Would you?

DID YOU KNOW? *Amazing facts about* ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

FACT
1

THE TWO CROWNS

When Maximilian Kolbe was a boy, he recounted that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him holding two crowns: a white crown, representing purity, and a red crown, representing martyrdom. She asked which he would accept.

He chose both.

Decades later, after a life completely given to Christ and Mary, he voluntarily took another prisoner's place in the starvation bunker at Auschwitz and died as a martyr on August 14, 1941.



FACT
2

MISSIONARY IN JAPAN

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a missionary in Nagasaki, Japan, and founded a Franciscan friary there in the 1930s.

Fourteen years later, when the atomic bomb devastated Nagasaki in 1945, the friary miraculously survived, protected by the surrounding hills, and was then able to assist injured survivors.

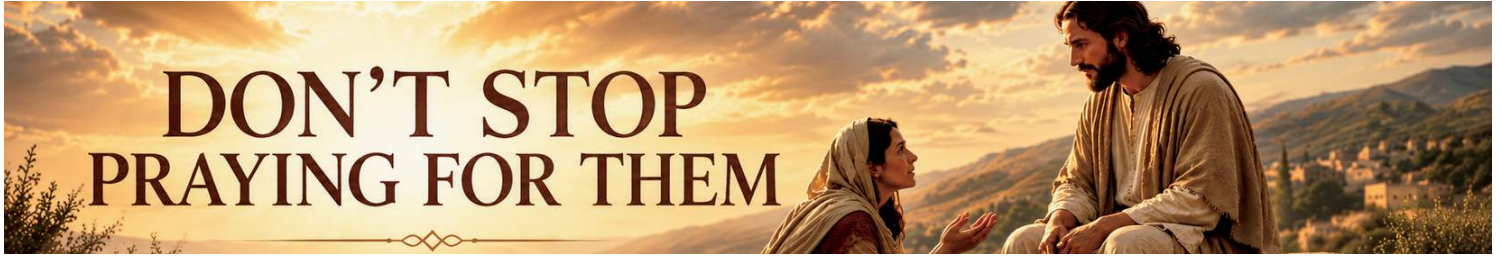


*"The more you belong to Mary,
the more you will belong to Jesus."*

— ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



12 • DON'T STOP PRAYING FOR THEM



A mother comes to Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. She does not ask for herself. She asks for her daughter, who suffers under a demon's power. She kneels before Christ and begs him to heal the one she loves.

Many parents and grandparents know this prayer. You pray for a son or daughter who no longer comes to Mass. You pray for a grandchild who seems to have walked away from the faith. You pray for a spouse, a sibling, or a friend who is struggling and distant from God. Sometimes these prayers continue for years without any sign of change.

The Canaanite woman faces a hard moment too. At first, Jesus does not answer her. The silence must have felt heavy. She does not walk away. She keeps approaching him. Her prayer becomes simple and direct: "Lord, help me." Jesus responds to her faith and heals her daughter. He tells her, "O woman, great is your faith!"

Her example teaches an important lesson about prayer for those we love. You do not force someone's conversion. You do not control God's timing. You do not always see what God is doing in another person's heart. What you do is bring this person before Christ again and again, with the same trust the Canaanite woman showed us.

The Church gives us another model in St. Monica. She prayed for years for her son Augustine, who lived far from God and showed no interest in changing his life. She never stopped praying for him by name. Augustine later became one of the great saints of the Church. He wrote later in life about how his mother's tears and prayers reached him, even when nothing in his life showed any sign of change.

No story with God is finished. The son who stopped going to Mass, the daughter who stepped away from the faith, the friend who seems distant, none of them are beyond what God still does in a heart.

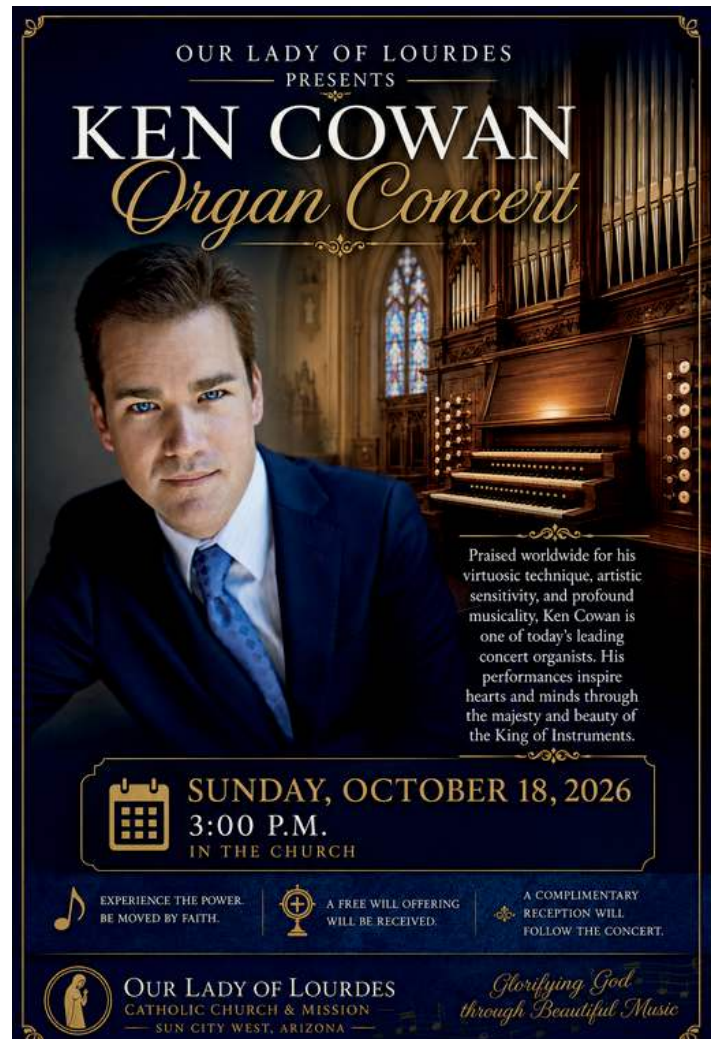
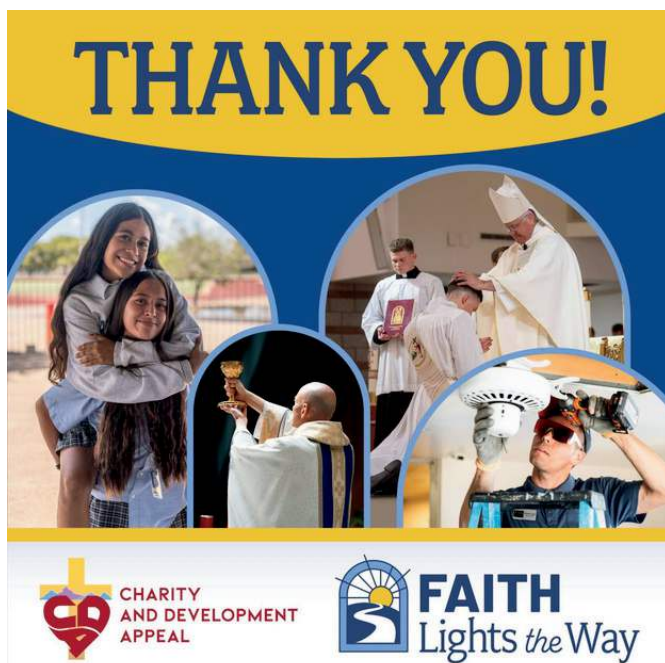
Discouragement comes easily when prayers seem to go unanswered for so long. You wonder if your words reach heaven at all. The Canaanite woman shows another way to carry this weight. She keeps coming to Jesus. She does not need many words. She offers a short, honest prayer, and she trusts him with the outcome.

This week, choose one person who weighs on your heart. Say their name to God every day. Ask him simply, as the Canaanite woman did, "Lord, help me."

Your prayer is not wasted. Every prayer you offer for someone you love reaches the heart of Christ. Do not give up on the person you love. Do not give up on what God still does in their life.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES • 13



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#99 – ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

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GLORIA

Mass of Renewal

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

OFFERTORY HYMN

#275 – O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
And sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
At blessings without number
and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your Word,
We honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2. The flow'r of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender
to you the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature
th'eternal seed is sown
Though small in mortal stature,

to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the Man from heaven
from death has set us free,
And we through him are given
the final victory!

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.



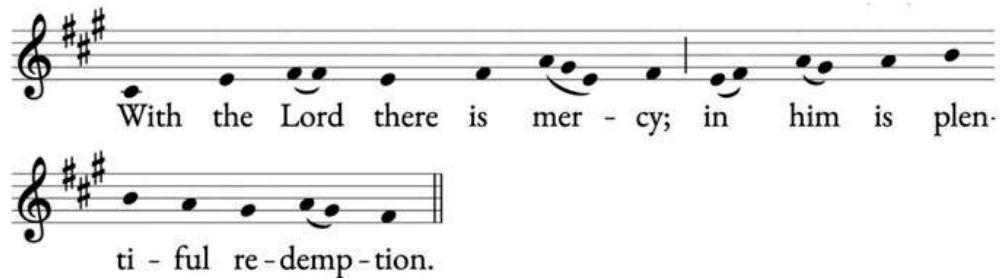
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COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord
for he has been so good to me.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me,
have mercy on me.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me,
have mercy on me.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O María.
Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O María.

Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us, ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve,
salve Regína.

2. Our life, our sweetness here below, O María.
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O María.

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TASTE AND SEE

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise his name.
I called the Lord and he answered me;
from all my troubles he set me free.

3. Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that God is good;
in him we need put all our trust.

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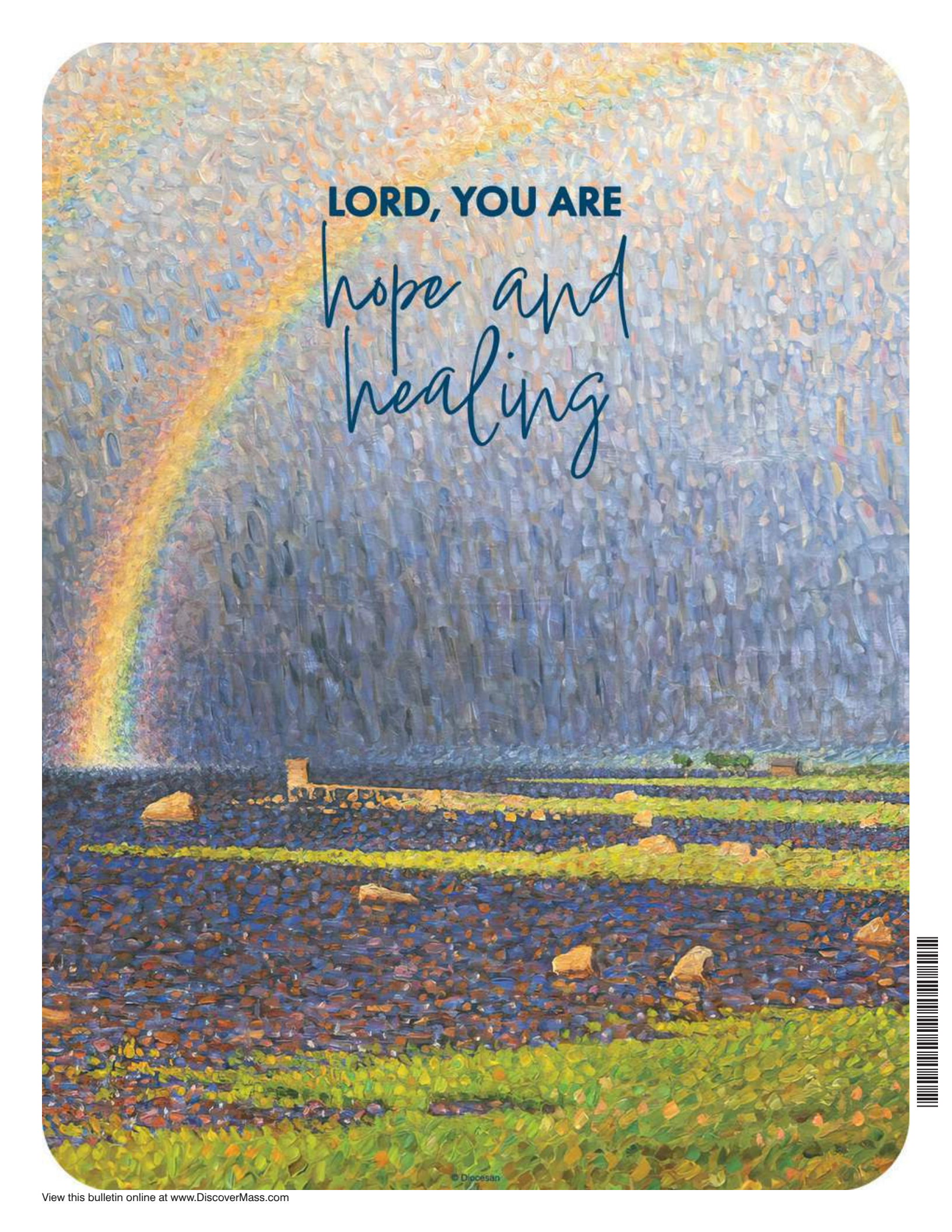
THE JESUS SONG

Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
You are the Son of the Living God.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.

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#204 – HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

3. To you we cry, poor sons of Eve, O María.
To you we sigh and weep and grieve, O María.

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LORD, YOU ARE

*hope and
healing*

